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Daphne's Diary

Welcome to My Newsletter

Welcome to the PREMIER issue of my monthly (I hope!) newsletter. I have wanted to create this communication tool for quite some time.

I have a website, I have a blog but writing in this format seems to suit me a bit better. I love to 'format' things and make them look presentable. That is one of the parts of creating patterns that I enjoy.

Don't get me wrong, I love playing with fabrics, designing new ways to cut them and sew them together. I enjoy the whole process of creating a new quilt. But when it comes to the details of how much fabric, how do you cut it, what steps are needed to make the project—I find this just as exciting.

Things TO DO in February

The **Victoria Quilters' Guild** will be hosting **Charlotte Warr Andersen** at their monthly meeting on February 10th at 7:00 pm.

Charlotte is the creator of one-of-a-kind pictorial quilts. Her specialty is fabric portraits which feature meticulous hand appliqué involving hours of work.

She is also President of the International Quilt Association (**IQA**). IQA is the non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the art of quilting. It is also the organization that supports the annual *Quilts: A World of Beauty* judged show at International Quilt Festival/Houston every fall.

We are truly fortunate to have Charlotte visit our Guild.



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And then taking those *chicken scratch* notes and diagrams and turning them into a well-written pattern—that process is just as creative as making the quilt in the first place. At least it is to me!

So, what will you find in my 'Diary'? I'll let you know about my upcoming classes each month, tell you about events that you can attend to enrich your quilting and fibre art life and sometimes I'll include a small project.. I think the contents will evolve over time. I would love to get your feedback and suggestions—email me at agreig@islandnet.com

If you know someone who would also like to be on my mailing list, please ask them to email me and I'll add them to my distribution list.

A 'Head's Up' for March: Victoria Sewing & Crafts Show—March 20 & 21

Join me for my Pre-Show Hands-on Workshop:

Thursday, March 19—Spinning Wheel Stained Glass

See my Stage Show (Simple Stained Glass Quilts)

Friday & Saturday, 10 am—11 am

<http://www.sewingandcraftsshow.com/index.php>

Guild meetings are held at the Salvation Army Citadel, 4030 Douglas Street (at McKenzie Ave), Victoria, B.C.

Visitors are welcome - admission is \$2

Upcoming Classes—February

February is really the beginning of the year for me. We were all recovering from the holidays in January and I found it hard to settle into a routine. But February is here, it is the start of a new teaching season and I find myself excited about meeting new students and re-connecting with old friends. I have a very busy schedule of classes in the next few months. Here are the highlights for February:

At Calico Cupboard:

Feb. 8: Free Motion Quilting—Stippling & Beyond

Feb. 11&18: Art Play series continues—Learn all about Painting on Fabric

Feb. 14 & 28: Basic Beginner Quilting—This is the perfect class for your friends who want to learn to quilt. Or come and join me for a great refresher course. We'll cover rotary cutting, perfecting the 1/4" seam, pressing basics, all about borders, layering, basting and machine quilting.

Feb. 16: Hand Quilting—Learn about needles, threads, designs and the 'rocking' method.

Feb. 17 & 24: Simple Stained Glass Rose Window—Make a project from my new book, *Simple Stained Glass Quilts*.

Feb. 20 & 27: Oriental Traditions—Add this quilt to your Asian décor.

Feb. 21: Block of the Month Maze Sampler—A whole year of fun making this special keepsake project.

See Calico Cupboard's brochure: <http://tinyurl.com/7f19um>

At Satin Moon:

Feb. 4: Crazy Quilting—Make a book cover or a pillow as you learn a fun crazy piecing technique. You will even use some of those fancy stitches on your machine! - A few spots left in this class.

Feb. 15: Photos to Fabric—Memory quilts, fabric photo books—personalize your projects with your own photographs.

Feb. 25: Bobbin Quilting (morning) & Trapunto (afternoon)—More machine work for Intermediate students.

Satin Moon's Brochure is online: www.satin-moon.com

At Serge & Sew in Nanaimo:

Feb. 7: 'Ripless' Paper Piecing—Learn the 'green' alternative—no wasting paper, no wasted time!

Online at Quilt University (www.quiltuniversity.com)

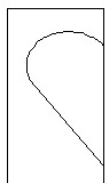
Starts Feb. 13: Paper Pieced Paradise—Take a class at your own pace online.

Check out my
February Classes!

A Valentine Project—a Mini Give & Take Appliqué™ project

Here is a fun fusible project—make one for your 'sweetie' and one for a friend:

1. Cut a 5" square of fusible web and a 5" square of pink or red fabric. Cut four 7" squares of background fabric and two 7" squares of thin batting.
2. Iron the fusible web to the wrong side of the pink or red fabric and let it cool.
3. Fold the fused fabric in half and cut out a heart with scissors. Cut continuously so you have a heart and the square with a heart 'cutout'.
4. Remove the paper from the back of each shape and fuse each one to a background square.



5. Layer a background square, a square of batting and your heart 'tops'. Stitch around the shapes with a blanket stitch or zigzag. Also stitch all around the raw edges two times.
6. Write a Valentine message using a *Fabrico* ink pen or other permanent marker.
7. Tuck the heart into a lunch bag or under your sweetie's pillow!



See more Give & Take Appliqué™
patterns on my business website:

www.patchworkstudio.com